

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A communication system comprising:  
a server having a service element for providing the service and a data store for storing the identities of users of the communication system that are registered to the service;  
a user terminal that is capable of initiating verification of the registration of one or more users of the communication system to the service by transmitting to the server one or more messages indicating the identities of the said one or more users;  
wherein:  
the user terminal has a data store arranged for storing a plurality of user identities forming a first set of users, and  
the user terminal has a user interface arranged to present to a user of the terminal a single command option in response to selection of which the user terminal automatically transmits to the server one or more messages indicating the user identities of the first set of users for verification of which users of the first set are registered to the service.
2. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the users that are registered to the service form a second set of users and the server comprises verification means for determining which users in the first set are also in the second set.
3. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the server sends a result message to the user terminal, the result message comprising the identities of the users of the first set that are registered to the service.
4. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the user interface is arranged to present to the user of the user terminal a further command option for selecting which of the users of the first set that are registered to the service to subscribe to.

5. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein each user terminal is a client terminal and the communication system operates in a client-server mode.
6. (Original) The system according to claim 5, wherein the client terminal is arranged to communicate with the server using a fixed line network.
7. (Original) The system according to claim 5, wherein the client terminal is arranged to communicate with the server using a wireless communication network.
8. (Currently Amended) The system according to any of claim 5, wherein the client terminal is arranged to communicate with the server using at least one of a Client-Server Protocol (CSP) and a Command Line Protocol (CLP).
9. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the server is a wireless village server and the service element provides a presence service.
10. (Original) The system according to claim 9, wherein the presence service can provide information indicative of at least one of the following attributes: terminal availability, user status, user location, user moods and user interests.
11. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the server is connected to a gateway server arranged to operate in a server-server mode.
12. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein each of the user identities is indicated by at least one of: a wireless village identifier, name, telephone number, IP address and email address.
13. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein each user identity having a plurality of telephone numbers associated therewith.
14. (Original) The system of claim 1 comprising a second user terminal which communicates with the user terminal via the server.
15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the server is capable of transferring substantially instant messaging between the user terminal and the second user terminal.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein both of the user terminals are capable of sending presence data representing the status of their respective users to the server in an asynchronous manner, and the server is arranged to, on receiving that data, store that data, and subsequently, in response to the receiving a request from at least one of the user terminals for the presence data of the other user terminal, to transmit the stored presence data of the said other terminal in a substantially instant manner to the said one of the user terminals.

17. (Original) A method for checking which users of a communications network are registered to a service of the network, the method comprising:

- storing the identities of the users of the communication network that are registered to the service in a server;

- storing a plurality of user identities of the communications network in a user terminal as a first set of users;

- presenting a single command option via a user interface to a user of the user terminal;

- in response to the selection of the command option, automatically transmitting one or more messages indicating the user identities of the first set of users to the server; and

- verifying by means of the server which users of the first set are registered to the service.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, comprising the further steps of:

- generating a third set of users of the communications network which are the users of the first set that are registered to the service;

- sending said third set of users to the user terminal;

- presenting a second command option via the user interface for allowing the user of the user terminal to select from said third set which of the registered users to subscribe to receive presence information on.

19. (Original) A user terminal capable of operation by a user for registering to a server of a communication network, the user terminal comprising:

- a data store for storing a plurality of identities of other users of the network;

- a user interface arranged to present to the user of the user terminal a single command option, and

a translation element for cooperating with the user interface such that upon selection of the single command by the user, the translation element generates one or more messages which are automatically transmitted from the user terminal to the server for verifying which of the other users are registered to the server.

20. (Original) The user terminal of claim 19, further comprising means for receiving from the server a result message indicating the identities of the other users that are also registered to the server.

21. (Original) The user terminal of claim 20, wherein the user interface is arranged to present a second command option enabling the user to mark one or more of the user identities received in the result message and a third command option for automatically subscribing to said marked users.

22. (Original) The user terminal according to claim 21, wherein the network is capable of supporting substantially real-time communications between the subscribed users.

23. (Original) The user terminal according to claim 21, wherein the server is an IMPS server which supports at least one of wireless instant messaging and presence data between the subscribed users.

24. (New) A method for checking registration status of users, the method comprising:  
storing a plurality of user identities in a user terminal as a first set of users;  
presenting a single command option via a user interface to a user of the user terminal;  
in response to selection of the command option, automatically transmitting one or more messages indicating the user identities of the first set of users to a server where identities of users that are registered to the service are stored for verification of the registration status of the users.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, comprising receiving a result message indicating the identities of other users that are registered to the server.

26. (New) The method of claim 25, comprising

presenting to the user a second command option enabling the user to mark one or more of the user identities received in the result message; and

presenting a third command option for automatically subscribing to said marked users.

27. (New) The method of claim 26, comprising sending at least one of wireless instant messaging messages and presence data between the subscribed users.

28. (New) A method for providing users with information of service registration status of other users of a communications network, the method comprising:

storing identities of users of the communication network that are registered to a service in a server;

receiving from a user terminal one or more messages indicating user identities of a first set of users, wherein the one or more messages are generated based on user identities of the first set of users as stored in the user terminal and automatically sent in response to selection of a single command option; and

verifying which users of the first set are registered to the service.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, comprising determining which users in the first set are also in a second set, the second set comprising users that are registered to the service.

30. (New) The method of claim 28, comprising sending a result message to the user terminal, the result message comprising the identities of the users of the first set that are registered to the service.

31. (New) The method of claim 28, comprising:

generating a third set of users of the communications network which are the users of the first set that are registered to the service;

sending said third set of users to the user terminal for allowing the user of the user terminal to select from said third set which of the registered users to subscribe to;

receiving a subscription from the user terminal; and

sending presence information based on the subscription.

32. (New) The method according to claim 28, comprising providing information indicative of at least one of terminal availability, user status, user location, user moods and user interests.
33. (New) The method of claim 28, comprising transferring substantially instant messaging between at least two user terminals.
34. (New) A server for providing users with a service via a communications network, comprising:
- a service element for providing the service;
  - a data store for storing identities of users of the communication system that are registered to the service; and
  - a controller configured to process one or more messages received from a user terminal and indicative of user identities of a first set of users, wherein the one or more messages are generated based on user identities of the first set of users as stored in the user terminal and automatically sent in response to selection of a single command option, and to verify which users of the first set are registered to the service.
35. (New) A program product, comprising machine readable program code for causing performing of the following steps:
- storing a plurality of user identities in a user terminal as a first set of users;
  - presenting a single command option via a user interface to a user of the user terminal;
  - and
  - in response to selection of the command option, automatically transmitting one or more messages indicating the user identities of the first set of users to a server where identities of users that are registered to the service are stored for verification of the registration status of the users.
36. (New) The program product of claim 35, causing, subsequent to reception of a result message indicating the identities of other users that are registered to the server, performing of further steps of:

presenting to the user a second command option enabling the user to mark one or more of the user identities received in the result message; and  
presenting a third command option for automatically subscribing to said marked users.

37. (New) A program product, comprising machine readable program code for causing performing of the following steps:

storing identities of users of the communication network that are registered to a service in a server;

receiving from a user terminal one or more messages indicating user identities of a first set of users, wherein the one or more messages are generated based on user identities of the first set of users as stored in the user terminal and automatically sent in response to selection of a single command option; and

verifying which users of the first set are registered to the service.

38. (New) The program product of claim 37, causing, subsequent to determining which users in the first set are registered to the service, performing of a further step of sending a result message to the user terminal, the result message comprising the identities of the users of the first set that are registered to the service.

39. (New) The program product of claim 37, causing, subsequent to determining which users in the first set are registered to the service, performing of further steps of  
generating a further set of users of the communications network which are the users of the first set that are registered to the service;

sending said further set of users to the user terminal for allowing the user of the user terminal to select from said third set which of the registered users to subscribe to;

receiving a subscription from the user terminal; and

sending presence information based on the subscription.